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SUBJECT: PRIMIN ECEVIT'S STATEMENT ON CEASEFIRE

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY TURKISH PRIMIN ECEVIT AT PRESS
CONFERENCE HELD AT FIVE P.M. LOCAL TIME IN ENGLISH AND TURKISH AND
CARRIED OVER TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION:

"THE RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR CEASEFIRE IN CYPRUS, TO THE UN
CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE IN CYPRUS, THE CEASEFIRE IN CYPRUS WILL BE
EFFECTIVE AS OF NOW. THE TURKISH MILITARY OPERATION THERE HAS
REACHED ITS OBJECTIVES OF THREE DAYS. EFFECTIVE TURKISH PRESENCE
ON THE ISLAND IS NOW IRREVOCABLY ESTABLISHED. THIS WILL CREATE
NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR FOUNDING VIABLE AND FAR SOLUTIONS TO THIS
PROBLEM. WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH MORE THAN
BEFORE TO SUCH SOLUTIONS. THE TASK BEFORE US NOW IS PEACE BUT SOME-
TIMES MAKING PEACE IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN MAKING WAR. I AM AFRAID
THIS WILL BE THE CASE AS FAR AS PEACE IN CYPRUS IS CONCERNED. I AM
NOT SAYING THIS BECAUSE OF THE HARD FEELINGS THAT MAY EXIST BETWEEN
THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND. WE SHALL DO OUR UTMOST TO HAVE
SUCH FEELINGS BURIED IN THE PAST. I AM REFERRING TO CERTAIN
PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES. THERE IS AT THE MOMENT A VOID OF
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AUTHORITY, POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN CYPRUS. WE DO NOT KNOW

WHETHER THOSE WHO HOLD OFFICE THERE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO CALLS OF PEACE AND CEASEFIRE. IF THE REPORTS WE HAVE JUST BEEN RECEIVING ARE TRUE, THERE MAY BE A VOID OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY IN GREECE AS WELL. WE SHALL OF COURSE TRY TO OVERCOME SUCH DIFFICULTIES AS BEST AS WE CAN. I HOPE THAT THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE OF THE PEOPLE WILL FILL SUCH VOID TO A GREAT EXTENT. WE ALSO RELY ON THE UN FOR STABILIZING THE SITUATION FOR ESTABLISHING REAL PEACE ON THE ISLAND. I AM AFRAID THE UN PEACE FORCE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD SOMETIMES REFAINS TOO MUCH FROM INVOLVEMENT. BUT I THINK THERE IS A REAL CALL FOR DUTY FOR THE UN PEACE FORCE IN CYPRUS TODAY. RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED GENOCIDE IS TAKING PLACE IN MANY CASES IN CYPRUS IN CERTAIN QUARTERS WHERE THE TURKS ARE IN A MINORITY AND HAVE NO PROTECTION- PLACES LIKE FAMAGUSTA, CHATOS, KOKKINA, PAPHOS. THIS IS GOING ON AND THUS FAR THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NOT INTERVENED. A FEW MINUTES AGO MY FIREND FOREIGN MINISTER PROFESSOR GUNES HAS TELEPHONED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL FO THE UNITED NATIONS WALDHEIM AND ASKED FOR HIS PERSONAL INTERVENTION AND I AM GRATEFUL TO SAY MR. WALDHEIM HAS SAID HE WILL INTERVENE. THESE ARE THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES THAT WE ARE UP AGAINST, THAT WE WILL BE UP AGAINST WHILE TRYING TO MAKE THE CEASEFIRE EFFECTIVE AND ESTABLISH PEACE IN CYPRUS. DURING OUR EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE IMMEDIATE CRIS IN CYPRUS, WE HAVE RECEIVED COOPERATION FROM MANY COUNTRIES, WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE AND ALMOST CONSTANT CONTACT WITH OUR FIRENDS THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THIS ISSUE AND THEY HAVE CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS FOR A CEASEFIRE.

"I AM ALSO OF COURSE GRATEFUL IN THE NAME OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE FOR THE PROMPT INTEREST THAT THE UN AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE TAKEN IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THE GRATITUDE OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE, TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY FOR THE GREAT SUCCESS THEY HAVE SHOWN IN THE CYPRUS OPERATION."
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